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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS

SUBJECT: Design and Construction of Unaccompanied Enlisted
Personnel Housing (UEPH)

Under Title 10 USC, Section 2856, the Secretary of Defense is required to establish the maximum allowable area per occupant for new, permanent, barracks construction. This memorandum complies with that requirement and establishes a new standard design criterion for future permanent party UEPH construction. The new standard does not apply to housing constructed for transients, recruits, or members receiving entry-level skill training. The standard is optional for barracks outside CONUS funded by other than the United States or constrained by site conditions, and for barracks to house other than full-time active duty Service members.

New construction (and rehabilitation where feasible) of UEPH will be based on a module consisting of two individual living/sleeping rooms with closets and a shared bath and service area. The module will contain a maximum of 47 sq. m. of gross area, measured from the center lines of all enclosing interior walls and to the outside face of exterior walls. Designs should be developed to produce 11 sq. m. of net living area per living/sleeping room, measured from the inside face of the walls to include all clear floor areas.

The maximum overall gross UEPH area, including all modules and support spaces, will be 66 sq. m. per module. To accommodate specific mission requirements, the Department of the Army is entitled to an additional overall gross UEPH area of 2 sq. m. per module. Up to 4 sq. m. per module may be added to the 66 sq. m. overall gross UEPH area for high-rise facilities (over three stories) or to meet other site-specific requirements.

This standard should be implemented as soon as practical, taking into consideration UEPH projects are at various stages of design and construction. The standard may be waived by the Secretary of a Military Department under the following circumstances:

- wherever the Secretary determines that unique mission requirements or operational commitments are better served by congregate living (possible examples: Seal Teams, Force Reconnaissance Marines, Special Forces)
- wherever the Secretary determines that the collective quality of life for members of a Service would be more enhanced by constructing to a lesser standard but providing new quarters to a larger number of members

Existing UEPH will not be considered inadequate for assignment because of these new criteria. But I recognize that their announcement represents a commitment to upgrading the level of privacy provided to each Service member as our resources and ingenuity permit. I challenge each Service to implement the new standard as part of an integrated UEPH plan which considers optimal use of existing, adequate quarters, renovation of those which can be made adequate, traditional military construction, and innovative use of private sector solutions.

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